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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/656,673 Confirmation No. 1722  
Applicant(s) : Stephen Ncil VAUGHN  
Filed : September 5, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 3653  
Examiner : Joseph C. RODRIGUEZ  
Title : Selectively removing undesirably sized catalyst particles from a reaction system  
Atty. Docket No. : 2003B089  
Customer No. : 23455

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 9, 2006, this Amendment and Response is submitted. No additional fees are believed to be required. However, a formal request for any extension and payment of fees is made below in the event such fees will be necessary. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.**